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CLAIMS SECTION

This listing of claims is presented as a replacement of all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-32 (cancelled)

Claim 33 (new): A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a first substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a second substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

at least four substantially straight and smooth edges having a pre-determined thickness, at least a front surface and a back surface and lying in the same plane at right angles to each other, situated at 90 degree intervals in perpendicular relation each other, thereby forming a cruciform configuration having a central hub, and whose said front and back surfaces are respectively substantially fully in contact with at least a surface of either said first and second substantially planar members, forming, as a result, a spacial area between said first and second substantially planar members for receiving at least one item to be introduced therein;

means for joining said first and second substantially planar members;

means for the joined said first and second substantially planar members to exert an interiorly directed pressure on said at least one item when said at least one item is introduced into said spacial area.

Claim 34 (new): The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 33, wherein:

said first substantially planar member is of plastic;

said second substantially planar member is of plastic;

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is

a radio frequency-type sonic weld;

said at least four substantially straight and smooth edges are integrally molded with at least a surface of one of said substantially planar members;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and second substantially planar members is a gradiented, sloping area formed on at least one interiorly facing surface of one of said substantially planar members, having a low end of the slope substantially at the exterior border edge of said gradiented substantially planar member.

Claim 35 (new): The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 34, wherein:

said first substantially planar is of translucent plastic;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure includes at least a partially textured surface on an interiorly facing surface of a said substantially planar member in order to impart an enhanced friction on said at least one item when said at least one item is introduced into said spacial area.

Claim 36 (new): The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 35, wherein:

said hub has a central aperture.

Claim 37 (new): A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a first substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a second substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

at least four substantially straight and smooth edges having a pre-determined

thickness, at least a front surface and a back surface and lying in the same plane at right angles to each other, situated at 90 degree intervals in perpendicular relation each other, thereby forming a cruciform configuration having a central hub, and whose said front and back surfaces are respectively substantially fully in contact with at least a surface of either said first and second substantially planar members, forming, as a result, a spacial area between said first and second substantially planar members for receiving at least one item to be introduced therein;

means for joining said first and second substantially planar members;

means for the joined said first and second substantially planar members to exert an interiorly directed pressure on said at least one item when said at least one item is introduced into said spacial area.

Claim 38 (new): The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 37, wherein:

said first substantially planar is of plastic;

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is a glue-like element;

said at least four substantially straight and smooth edges are separately molded;

means for attaching said at least four substantially straight and smooth edges partially with a surface of said first substantially planar member and partially with a surface of said second substantially planar member;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and second substantially planar members is a gradiented, sloping area having a low end of the slope substantially at the exterior border edge of said gradiented substantially planar member.

Claim 39 (new): The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 38, wherein:

said means for attaching said separately molded, at least four substantially straight and smooth edges partially with a surface of said first substantially planar member and partially with a surface of said second substantially planar member is taken from the group consisting of sonic welding and gluing.

Claim 40 (new): The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 37, wherein:

said means for joining said first and second substantially planar members is a snap-type means;

said means for the exertion of interiorly directed pressure by the joined said first and second substantially planar members is an interiorly protruding member designed to engage said at least one item when said at least one item is received in said spacial area.

Claim 41 (new): The device for holding a plurality of items for display according to claim 37, wherein:

said glue-like element is repositionable glue;

said removably affixed covering is made of paper;

said substantially planar member is made of translucent plastic.

Claim 42 (new): A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

a first substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

a second substantially planar member having a front surface and a back surface;

at least three substantially straight and smooth edges having a pre-determined

thickness, at least a front surface and a back surface and lying in the same plane at right angles to each other, situated at 90 degree intervals in perpendicular relation each other, thereby forming a "T-like" configuration having a central hub, and whose said front and back surfaces are respectively substantially fully in contact with at least a surface of either said first and second substantially planar members, forming, as a result, a spacial area between said first and second substantially planar members for receiving at least one item to be introduced therein;

means for joining said first and second substantially planar members;

means for the joined said first and second substantially planar members to exert an interiorly directed pressure on said at least one item when said at least one item is introduced into said spacial area.

Claim 43 (new): A device for holding a plurality of items for display, comprising:

A unitary, substantially planar member having an interior crevice defining a first holding planar member and a second holding planar member;

said crevice being deep enough to permit the insertion of an item;

said interior walls of said crevice being substantially smooth and having interior walls at 90-degrees in relation to each other;